

SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY UPDATE

THE HISTORY OF HAMNET

I am on the hunt for history about Hamnet for a paper that needs to be delivered at the WRC2003. Should you have had or been involved in any Hamnet emergency over the years, it will be appreciated if you could phone me at 011 679-5260, or send me some details at fax 011 475.5946 or e-mail me at francois@overflow.co.za

2003 CRICKET WORLD CUP ITINERARY

From the itinerary published in the Sunday Times of today, there are 15 venues over which the world cup will be decided in February/March 2003.

The venues that concern us are Wanderers (5 games including the final on Sunday 23 March) Newlands (5 games including the opening ceremony on Saturday 8 February), Kingsmead (5 games including 2nd semi-final on 20 March), Super-sport Park Centurion, St Georges Park Port Elizabeth (5 games which includes the first semi-final on 18 March), Bloemfontein, East London, Potchefstroom, Kimberley, Paarl, Benoni and Pietermaritzburg.

Three venues are outside South Africa namely Harare, Bulawayo and Nairobi. I suggest that we keep these venues uppermost in our minds.

I would suggest that, as Potchefstroom have already taken the lead, we approach our local Disaster Management organizations and make them aware that we will be available to assist with emergency communications should we be called on to do so.

A suggestions is that we advise the Disaster Management Organisers of at least 2 names that can be contacted to set up communications should the need arise.

Obviously a lot more will follow in due course, but lets get organized now.

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IN THE BULLETIN TODAY

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HAMNET BULLETINS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Sunday morning kicks off with Hamnet KZN at 07H15 on their local VHF repeaters with a relay on 7.070Mhz by Wally ZS5WP.

Followed with the national Bulletin on 10,130Mhz in the 30M band with a relay on 7.070Mhz by Martin ZS6MSG. In Gauteng, 145,700Mhz is also used for a local transmission. The time is 17h00 local.

Next we have Gauteng North. Their bulletin runs from 18H00 local on 145.725Mhz with a relay on 3,650MHz or 7.090MHz by Rudie ZS6DX.

North West Province have a club bulletin on Mondays, which includes a Hamnet segment at 19H00 local on 3,750Mhz in the 80M band as well as their local repeater on 145.737.5Mhz.

Last but not least is Hamnet Western Cape Province with a bulletin on Wednesdays at 20H30 local on 3,674 relayed by Matt ZS1MJJ in the 80M band and on their local repeaters, 145:625Mhz, 145:700Mhz, 145:750Mhz and various other links.

Whatever you missed please access the S.A.R.L. Website under the heading “Hamnet News regularly updated”, for the latest news or if you are on Packet, it will have been sent to you thanks to Rudie ZS6DX.

THE SAGA OF THE UNWANTED BUMPER STICKER

It will appear, after numerous telephone calls to a few Traffic Officials around Gauteng, that there is no truth in the rumour doing the rounds that you will be fined for window stickers on your vehicle.

This whole episode appears to be just another practical joke, hatched in the studio of Highveld Stereo, headed by none other than Mr. Jeremy Mansfield.

However, there are some Heads of Traffic Departments that are going to request an official apology from the said station for spreading false rumours.

WORLD CUP CRICKET

The next World Cup Cricket tournament is still a long way off, however, one of our Provincial directors has already been approached, by his local Disaster Management Organisation, to establish to what extent Hamnet can be relied on to supply alternative communication in case of an emergency.

I received e-mail from Chris Vorster, ZS6BYQ of Hamnet Northwest Province, in this regard.

The answer is a positive yes. We will be available to supply alternative means of communication should there be a problem during or after one the games that will be played away from major centres.

It appears from the e-mail that one or more of the qualifying games will take place in Potchefstroom.

Should you become aware of some qualifying games being played in your town or city, please do not hesitate to contact your Disaster Management team and offer our Hamnet services.

Please keep me informed of such meetings.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONTACT

This again brings me to another problem that reared its head here in Gauteng. I was approached by a member of the Local Disaster Management Team and asked to explain what our (Hamnet) organisation can do in times of alternative communication.

I was rather surprised to learn that this person's knowledge of "alternative communication" started and ended with C.B. radio.

Although Citizen Band radio has a place in limited local communication, it is a far cry from what Hamnet can do for the Community.

I again request all Provincial Directors to please maintain a close contact with your local Disaster Communication teams and if possible ask them to add your name to the list when meetings take place in future.

In the greater Gauteng area, I am willing to also attend any such meeting. Just let me know beforehand.

PROBLEMS WITH EMERGENCY NUMBERS

There has been a case of no response handed to me regarding two emergency numbers. During an emergency in an outlying area both 112 and 10177 drew a blank one morning around 2:30am.

Again, this was information handed to me by Chris Vorster who is Provincial Director of Northwest Province.

Should you become a statistic of no response, please let me have all the information so that I can approach the people concerned and bring this to their attention.

I am aware that the new Proton Centre here in Florida are having their problems, but an all-out effort is being made to rectify the situation.

EVENT LOGSHEET

When any Hamnet team participate in supporting an event with communications, the Controlling Station must keep a log, for historical purposes. This is essential for 2 reasons.

Firstly, a log should be maintained by the Net Controller of any communication that takes place between him and a participating unit simply to record any message that transpired between him and that unit. Abbreviated for ease of reference is o.k.

The other reason is that if something goes wrong, at least some form of copy of the communication for reference purposes, is kept and available should reference be made to an incident that may have taken place during any event.

Should you require a copy, I am quite happy to e-mail it to you at any time.

Should you feel that it might be inadequate, please feel free to add your comments and corrections for my attention.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Apart from listening to the various bulletins, should there be news from your area for the main bulletin, please send your contributions to either jans@netdial.co.za or francois@overflow.co.za.

Contributions are always welcome and it also supplements the Sunday get together on 10,130 and 7,070. It also helps to add some spice to the regular Sunday bulletin.

Bulletin Ends